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METHOD	)	

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("the Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notification.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English-language translation of the Notification citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. A copy of the Notification in Japanese is also enclosed. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

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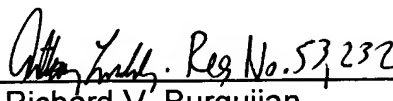
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